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Possible Transfer of AECAPELIN-1

REFERENCE: PARI-1267, 15 March 1958

ACTION REQUIRED: As indicated in Para 1

1. Discussions concerning the possible transfer of AECAPELIN-1 to Paris have been underway over an extended period and have now reached the point where it is possible to effect the transfer. While Headquarters is anxious for a variety of reasons to have AECAPELIN-1 move out of the Munich area and begin operations in Paris, we do not believe this should be done unless [ ] can present an operational plan which will assure the full utilization of his services as was the case in Munich. Attachments A and B to this dispatch, which give AECAPELIN-1's biographic data and a short sketch of his operational background, should give the Station a sufficient basis for formulating such an operational plan in which the Subject's capabilities might be used to good benefit.

2. Headquarters believes that AECAPELIN-1, with his exceptional abilities and extensive intelligence background, could provide the foundation of an intensified CE program in France. Unquestionably, AECAPELIN-1 could be called upon to perform more than CE informant duties and probably could assume a major burden in the Station's overall efforts to establish a clear picture of the RIS efforts to utilize the Soviet, Eastern European and German groups in France for intelligence activities. In addition, because of the extensive contacts which AECAPELIN-1 might be expected to develop, it is probable that he would become an excellent source of leads for the UNFIDAW project when it is activated. Finally, in view of AECAPELIN-1's excellent grasp of Soviet activities, he should be able to provide the [ ] with very worthwhile KUCAGE support.

3. In view of the foregoing, Headquarters will be most interested in [ ] reaction to this dispatch and the proposed operational

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plan for ADAPTEL-1's use. It might also be suggested, at this time, that the Station might wish to coordinate its planning for ADAPTEL-1 with the impending decision to be made regarding the future operational use of ADAPTEL-20 (CFTM-2150).

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ATTACHMENT "A" TO OPFW-21529

BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON ASCAPELIN-1

1. Subject, born 11 November 1912, in Zakomarie, Western Ukraine, became a member of the Ukrainian Military Organization (UVO) in 1928, and upon reorganization of the latter group, entered into the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) in 1929. He became an instructor of an illegal underground youth section of the OUN in January 1934, and upon arrest of many of the leaders of the OUN homeland executive committee in November 1934, Subject was given duties as Organizational Referent. In 1935, Subject became publisher of a nationalistic, anti-Bolshevik newspaper of the OUN and was arrested by the Polish government in September 1935 and imprisoned for three months. He was again arrested in July 1937 by the Polish government and was released in September 1939 upon outbreak of the German-Polish war.

2. Upon direction of OUN officials, Subject agreed, in November 1939, to become a member of the German counterintelligence service. Until April 1945, Subject served, on a regular and part-time basis, with various sections of the German intelligence service and was awarded several decorations for his successes in counterintelligence operations directed against the USSR.

3. Subject, who had earlier studied at a theological school, was ordained during the latter part of 1944. From September 1945 to April 1957, he was employed as an instructor in a private Ukrainian gymnasium at Salzburg, teaching courses in the Bible and in Latin, and also served as representative of the Anti-Bolshevik Block of Nations (ABN) in Salzburg, and the Tyrol. Since April 1947, Subject has been residing in Munich, where he has held the post of Chancellor of the Holy Autocephalic Church of Poland in Germany. He was chief of the Security Service (SS) of the Foreign Section of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists led by Stefan BANDERA (ZCh/OUN or OUN/B) until August 1948 when he left this organization and concentrated his intelligence efforts for KUBARK.

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ATTACHMENT "B" TO OPFW-21529

AECAPELIN-1's OPERATIONAL BACKGROUND

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1. Background - General: AECAPELIN-1, now under Munich Operations Base control, is a qualified, capable, professional CE informant who has been used by KUBARK in Austria and Germany since 1947, and who has previously indicated willingness to leave Germany for personal reasons and because of an increasingly tight operational situation. For these reasons and due to his having circulated among the same unwitting informants for a long period of time, Headquarters was also interested in investigating his transfer, but negotiations were deferred.

2. Background - Intelligence: AECAPELIN-1 is a Ukrainian of middle age who has been employed by KUBARK as an informant since 1947. He has been active in intelligence since the 1920's and is extremely capable in discreetly obtaining information from a wide variety of sources. As a non-party man, he has earned the confidence and confidences of a variety of Ukrainian political leaders. He has also supplied KUBARK with counter-intelligence/counterespionage information, as well as positive intelligence on overt and covert activities of Ukrainian, Polish, Soviet and German political, social, welfare and para-military emigre groups in Germany and in other countries of Western Europe. He has also provided name traces, character studies, etc., concerning certain former Iron Curtain personalities who are now in Western Europe. It has often been said of AECAPELIN-1 that he possesses the requirements of the natural, "ideal agent". In view of his experiences, natural inclinations and pro-American orientation, working for the Americans is the logical course for him to follow. He is willing to report on the emigration in the belief that he can help to uncover Soviet penetrations and to bring about a unification of the various emigre political camps.

3. Motivation: Subject is anti-Soviet and against Russian imperialism, and he also opposes the Soviet regime on religious grounds. He would like to see a free, independent Ukraine.

4. Security:

a. AECAPELIN-1 is by inclination very security conscious, a fact which has been demonstrated on many occasions.

b. Notwithstanding the above, we feel that the following incidents might have some bearing on Subject's security.

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(1) In April 1957, a Munich agent was inadvertently routed to UPSWING. Assuming that UPSWING would have read the documents, they should have had no trouble in deducing that AECAPLIN-1 was our agent in view of the comments contained in the dispatch and the nature of AECAPLIN-1's reporting even though his true name was not mentioned.

(2) On one occasion, a Soviet Staffer (RIS) stated to one of our double agents that AECAPLIN-1 was in the employ of the American Intelligence Service, only that and nothing more. The Staffer did not elaborate.

5. Production: In view of AECAPLIN-1's intelligence background and his keen grasp of political, religious and economic situations, he has proved himself extremely helpful in his ability to predict Soviet intentions and interpret and constructively criticize Soviet policy. This has been especially true in our efforts to combat the machinations in West Germany of the East Berlin Committee for the Return to the Homeland. Numerous counterespionage and operational leads have been supplied by Subject. The reliability and value of his reports are firmly established.

6. Salary: The salary paid Subject locally is \$200.00 per month in local currency. An additional \$200.00 per month is placed in his escrow account. A contingency fund totaling \$300.00 has been set aside for an eventual transfer of AECAPLIN-1 and effects, and he will be provided with \$150.00 for key money for living quarters.

7. Miscellaneous: Subject stems from a good, solid-middle class Ukrainian family. He has no permanent mistresses, he is not addicted to drugs and his gambling is nil. He is a light smoker and an occasional drinker of wine or beer. He is an intelligent "operator" who knows how to "keep his nose clean", can be glib when necessary and has great presence of mind - quite capable of playing the alleged role. Incidentally, Subject previously delayed his emigration (via IRO sponsorship) to the United States at our request. As a result, we have guaranteed passage for him (and his wife - should he marry) to the United States under provisions of P.L.110. Should his emigration to the United States materialize, he would like to continue working with AIS. Subject's language qualifications include Ukrainian, Polish, Russian, Latin and German (all good). Because of his academic and linguistic background it is felt that he can learn the French language within a reasonable period of time.

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Biographic Data on CAPELIN:

1. Subject was born on 11 November 1912, in the village of Zakomarie, Western Ukraine. His nationality was Polish at birth, but he considers himself a Ukrainian. He attended elementary school in Zakomarie from 1919 to 1923. In August of 1925, he entered the gymnasium in Zolochiv, where he studied for one year. He then moved to Lwow and entered the state gymnasium. Later, he attended a one year commercial course at the Hordona Shkola (National School), in Lwow. Upon completion of the commercial course he entered the Greek Catholic Seminary, Mala Dukhovna, in Lwow. In 1928, he became a member of the Ukrainska Viyskova Organizatsiya (Ukrainian Military Organization) (UVO), having been recruited by one Ivan TESLYA, the latter presently residing in the United States. When the UVO was reorganized into the Organizatsiya Ukrainskikh Natsionalistiv (Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists) (OUN) in 1929, Subject became a member of the OUN. Until 1934, while studying at the seminary, Subject served as a youth leader.

2. From 1934 to 1937, Subject continued to live in Lwow and worked in two Ukrainian cooperatives, "Narodnyi Dm" and "Narodna Torhovlya". In January 1934, he was selected to become an instructor of the youth organization in the OUN. This youth group was an illegal underground organization which trained the Ukrainian youth for future membership in the OUN. Shortly after the arrest of many of the leaders of the Homeland Executive Committee of the OUN in November 1934, Subject was given duties as Organizational Referent. In 1935, Subject became publisher of a nationalistic, anti-Bolshevik newspaper, Ridnyi Grunt. Since the newspaper sharply criticized the Polish government, he was arrested in September 1935 and sent to a Polish concentration camp in Berezi Kartuski, where he remained for three months. Upon release, he continued working for the OUN until July 1937 when he was arrested in Lwow by the Polish police and sent first to the so-called Brigades, and later to the prisons in Rivno, Dubno, and Sedltsakh. His case was under investigation until February 1939. In May 1939, the Oblast Court of Rivno sentenced Subject to 12 years imprisonment for membership in the OUN. Subject was transferred from the Rivno prison to the prison in Tarnov, Poland, where he remained until September 1939. Upon the outbreak of the German-Polish war, Subject and other political prisoners were released on orders of the Polish Minister of Justice.

3. In October 1939, while Subject was returning to his home in Zakomarie, he learned that the Western Ukraine, including his home town, was occupied by the Bolsheviks. He decided to remain on the western side of the Polish border, then under German occupation. Several OUN officials approached Subject in November 1939 and proposed that he become a member of the German Counter-Intelligence Service (Abwehrstelle III - Cracow). Subject agreed and was assigned to the border area around Yaroslav, Radomno-Peremyshl, where, using the cover of

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Town Inspector of Radimo, he organized a net of informants and collaborators. Subject was instrumental in the apprehension of several Soviet espionage groups in his area during 1940.

4. Subject continued his counter-intelligence activities after transfer to Stryk in December 1940 where he used the pseudonym Ingmar Lorents FURKHEIM, and employed the cover of a Volkdeutscher representative of a brewery in Vilna. However, in June 1941, Subject was summoned to the eastern front, to the AOK (Armees-Oberkommando) VI and commissioned as a Sonderfuhrer-leutnant, attached to the Counter-Intelligence Group IV. He was awarded the Winter Victory medal, the Military Cross for foreigners and the German Military Cross because of his great success as a counter-intelligence agent on the eastern front.

5. Subject was released from the eastern front in June 1942 and was transferred to the staff of the Abwehrstelle III in Cracow, where he was assigned to a section concerned with enemy communications. During this same period, Subject managed to enroll for study, on a part-time basis, at the theological seminary at the University of Warsaw. He often traveled to Warsaw for lectures and examinations. It was his aim to become a priest upon termination of his intelligence work. Subject has stated that he was influenced in this aim by Archbishop PALADII, the latter now resident in the United States.

6. As a result of the unsuccessful attempt on Hitler's life in September 1939, considerable changes were carried out within the Abwehrstelle III in Cracow with the SS and the SD (Sicherheitsdienst) assuming control of the Abwehrstelle. This development caused an adverse morale effect on all attached personnel and Subject determined to obtain release from the Abwehrstelle. In order not to break off all ties with the Abwehrstelle, since such action could have resulted in arrest for sabotage, Subject agreed to work as a voluntary informant rather than as a regular employee. Subject iterates that, during the period of his service with the German intelligence, he served exclusively in the anti-Bolshevik section.

7. At the end of 1944, Archbishop PALADII ordained Subject and sent him to Prague to specialize in Church law. However, the Ukrainian University at Prague did not offer lectures in Church law; instead, he enrolled in the regular law school and then returned to Cracow.

8. In early January 1945, Subject returned to Prague where he remained until April 1945, working with the Abwehrstelle. In April 1945, Subject left Prague for Bauris, Austria, where he lived until September 1945. He then moved to Salzburg. From September 1945 to April 1947, Subject was employed as an instructor in a private Ukrainian gymnasium, giving courses in Bible and Latin, and also served as a representative of the Anti-Bolshevik Block of Nations (ABN) in Salzburg and the Tyrol. The chief of the ABN in Austria at that time was Yuri HERICH, presently living in Canada.

9. Since April 1947, Subject has been living in Munich, where he has held the post of Chancellor of the Holy Autocephalic Church of

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Poland in Germany. Subject continued his law studies in Munich until 1950. He was in close contact with the Zakaronna Chastyna/Organizatsiya Ukrainekikh Natsionalistiv (Foreign Section of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists) also known as OUN/BANDERA led by Stefan BANDERA (Zoh/OUN or OUN/B) and its Sluzhba Bezpeky (Security Service) (SB) until October 1948. While he was in the SB, he was a member of its staff and head of the counter-intelligence section. Following the Mittenwald Conference, from 29 - 31 August 1948 (where OUN/B expelled the members of the Foreign Representation of the Ukrainian Supreme Liberation Council, /ZPUNV/ and others), Subject left the Zoh/OUN and the SB. However, he has continued to maintain private contacts with both to the present time.

10. Subject's father died in a Russian prison camp at Tashkent, in 1916. His mother died in 1945, in Zakomaria. One of Subject's brothers was executed by the Soviets in Lvov, in 1940. Another brother joined the Ukrainian Resistance Army (UPA) in 1941 and has not been heard from since. Subject has two cousins, both resident in the United States and United States citizens.

11. Subject was married on 21 January 1944, in Cracow, Poland, to Irena Yaroslava SEMEN, the latter born 26 June 1913, Piskhoredia, Austria. She was Austrian by birth, subsequently Polish and presently claims Ukrainian nationality.

12. Subject has written the following articles to date, all of which have been devoted to religious, educational or historical themes:

May 1946: "Saint George, Patron of Ukrainian Youth", published in Nashi Dni (Our Days), a Ukrainian weekly in Europe.

September 1946: "On the Eve of a New School Year", published in Nashi Dni.

February 1947: "The Genesis and History of the YMCA-YWCA", published in the Holos (Voice), a Ukrainian weekly in Salzburg.

1951: "The Structure of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church", published in Volume #8, of the Entsiklopediya Ukrainoznavstva, (Encyclopedia of Ukrainian Knowledge).

13. Physical Description of CAPELIN:

Age	: 40	Posture:	Good
Apparant Age	: 35	Weight:	73 Kilos
Height	: 165 cm.	Teeth:	Good (many gold fillings)
Eyes	: Grey	Hair:	Brown
Face Shape	: Oval	Scars:	None
Complexion	Ruddy	Build:	Medium
General Appearance:	Very Good		

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